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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NEVADA STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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August 14-15, 2013**

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August 14th, 2013 Call to Order

This meeting was called to order on August 14th, 2013 at 1:37 p.m. by Acting Chairman Dan Coppa.

Roll Call – Pauline Salla

Members Present: Kirby Burgess, Frank Cervantes, Dan Coppa, Liz Florez, Lisa Morris Hibbler, Dawn Lozano, Steve McBride, Fernando Serrano, Paula Smith, Honorable Egan Walker, Lonnie Wright.

Members Present by Phone: Danny Gonzales, Joel Gutierrez.

Members Excused: Niah Anson, Michael Beam, John Hambrick, Amber Howell, Noah Jennings, John Martin, Raymond McKay, Honorable Kimberly Wanker.

Members Absent: David Humke, Ivet Santiago.

Members who arrived late: Scott Shick.

Staff Present: Karen Dickerson (Deputy Attorney General), Pauline Salla, Alice Mueller.

Public Present: Chief Thomas Silva, Judge Michael Montero, Pam Coppa, Chief Ed Sampson.

Public Comment and Discussion

None

Welcome to the Winnemucca Police Station – Pauline Salla

Acting Chairman Dan Coppa invited Specialist Pauline Salla to introduce Chief of Police Thomas Silva. She has known Chief Silva for about fifteen years and has always found him to be very supportive of juvenile justice issues along with underage drinking laws. Chief Silva commended Pauline Salla for being very supportive of the Winnemucca Police Department, and for helping them to get what is needed including equipment, grant funding or whatever else is required. He acknowledged that we were welcome to have our meeting at the Winnemucca Police Station.

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Presentation on Truancy Court– Honorable Michael Montero

Michael Montero is a Judge with the 6th Judicial District. This is a multi-county jurisdiction including Humboldt, Pershing and Lander Counties. Judge Montero described a typical day, starting in Battle Mountain, then traveling to Lovelock and finishing up in Winnemucca. There are two district court judges; himself and Judge Wagner, who cover twenty thousand square miles. He discussed the Truancy Court Program, that has recently been started and which is presently only in Winnemucca. He has met with school officials in Pershing County, who are excited about bringing the program there. Currently, there is a need for people to help run these programs.

Judge Montero has been on the bench about five years, while attending new judge training during his first term, he had an opportunity to discuss Truancy Court with some judges from Louisville Kentucky. He kept the idea in the back of his mind until about his third term, when he and Chief Sampson noticed that they were seeing the same kids over and over. One of the consistent things they noticed on the youth who went from the juvenile system onto the adult system was the level of education. That is, many of them had failed to graduate from high school. These individuals had numerous status offenses along with habitual truancy. Other than issuing citations, giving them work crew or suspending their driver's license, nothing was really being done to find out what the reason was for their missing school.

Models from various states were studied in constructing the Truancy Court. There was already a statute establishing an advisory board in the community. Since none was in place, he went to the school district and together they created a truancy advisory board made up of school officials, a counselor, a principal, law enforcement, police department, sheriff's department and juvenile probation. These people get together and have a truancy review on problem students from the various schools. This advisory board meets every two weeks. Background information is presented and the student and his parents explain why so much school is missed. Sometimes this is all that is needed. If the student's issues appear more serious, they are sent to Truancy Court.

Truancy Court has representatives from the Division of Child and Family Services, two vice principals (one from Junior High, one from the High School) and a juvenile probation officer. In the past there has also been a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) worker and/or a juvenile probation advisory board member. This core group meets with the select students and their parents at the court house on Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. every week. Power school reports are received weekly identifying any further problems. If things are going well, they may receive praise and perhaps are excused from some court time. This could reduce a regular eight to nine week court assignment down to three or four weeks. Those who are not doing well can stay with the court through the rest of the school year. Parental involvement is important. Often this is the first time the parents learn that the child has been skipping school. Language can be another concern. First generation parents may not have an understanding of how the school system works and what is legally required. They also sign an authorization for drug testing although the results are for informational purposes only.

Truancy Court is an added option in a small community with few services other than a couple of after school programs and the Saturday PASS School (Personal Achievement Student Success). Additional attention can be obtained thru Round Up, a teacher and student get together which occurs the week before school starts in the fall. Occasionally lunch detention can help, but if a student is intentionally defiant, weekend detention may be used.

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The program has been in force now for two years. In that time there has been a 61% improvement in attendance. The most rewarding aspect has been in getting everyone together on the project, which has improved communication. Although this is not truly a representative sample, it does appear that the program works.

The commissioners asked several questions. There are about as many females as males in the program. There is hope that starting earlier, at about fifth grade will help. Educational Neglect has not yet been used with this age group, but the potential is there. Many of the truant youth have acceptance issues at school in addition to drug involvement problems. Some of these problems deal with their selling the drugs. Although it would appear that the local residents would notice the truant youths, this is a rural area with lots of partying places. The parent part of the equation is being handled with parenting classes and having the parents required to show up at Truancy Court along with their child. Although detainment is an option, there is now an emphasis on services first, detainment as a last resort.

If a youth fails Truancy Court, there may be a citation. If they are not improving in the program, they are removed from it, and if a citation is pending it will be issued. This results in them going to juvenile court. There the court master will give sanctions as appropriate and then mandate them back into Truancy Court.

Commissioner Scott Shick joined the meeting at 2:15 pm.

The feasibility of this working in Clark County was asked. It is hard to compare a program serving 29 youth to one where about 2,000 would be involved. Washoe County has a somewhat comparable system thru the Children's Cabinet. It has an advisory board along with community partners. There are more resources and social programs available in addition to having case managers.

Judge Montero was thanked for his presentation and wished luck in traveling the Nevada highways. Since there were members of the public present, they were invited to speak using the blue cards which were provided.

Approval of Minutes from May 16, 2013 Meeting

Commissioner Lozano made a motion to approve the minutes from May 16, 2013 with a second from Commissioner Walker. The motion was passed by the Commission.

Treasurer's Report – Kirby Burgess and Pauline Salla

All of the available funding for Fiscal Year 2011 has been expended. The last \$153.00 was used to assist Commissioner Santiago in attending the National Youth Conference in Washington D.C., so that amount has been zeroed out. The remaining \$20,000.00 from Fiscal Year 2012 has been allocated to the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) technical assistance training. The 2013 Medicaid Room and Board funding has been allocated in the jurisdictions with the funds being put to good use. In prior years, the amounts provided by the Formula Grants was \$30,000.00 but has now been reduced to \$20,000.00. The Juvenile Justice Commission has always been conscientious about the use of the funds so there is no cause for concern. Jason Kolenut from the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) has reviewed the budget and says that all is on track to be closed out.

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Commissioner Walker wished to express thankfulness on behalf of Washoe County for the flexibility of these funds. In view of the reduced budgets, it has proven to be a very important funding stream. Specialist Salla pointed out that flexibility was very important and was in fact one of their goals. In this way jurisdictions are more responsive to the increased amount of paper work required.

Staff Report – Pauline Salla

The final award letters have not yet been received from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). This can be attributed to various causes among them the recent reorganization of OJJDP, sequestration, and furloughs. The Formula award amount is \$400,000.00. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) has been reduced from the \$240,000.00 amount approved in May by the Grant Review Committee to \$192,000.00. The original amounts were for Clark County to receive \$132,000.00, Washoe County to receive \$40,466.65 and Churchill County to receive \$20,000.00. JABG is formula based, so there was a need to keep it separate from the previous year's surplus. The new amounts are for Clark County \$100,821.00, Washoe County at \$28,806.00 and Churchill County with \$14,403.00. The good news is that there was a surplus of \$135,000.00 from Federal Fiscal Year 2011. Using the required formula, Clark County received \$95,850.00, Washoe County received \$25,650.00 and Lyon County was selected to receive 10% at \$13,500.00. Since this is formula based, no other numbers could have been arrived at. The difficulty will be in doing one report for this. The award letters have gone out. It is fortunate that JABG, which only goes out to three recipients was reduced rather than the Formula Grant.

The Forward Thinking series was implemented at the Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC) on April 1st, 2013. Ten of the NYTC employees were trained by the Change Companies in Carson City. Specialist Salla has checked on its use by youth and staff and has found it to be a positive experience for both. This was a pilot program with the intention to have it used by other state facilities. Commissioner Shick mentioned that China Springs and Aurora Pines were planning on incorporating it along with their drug and alcohol program. Carson City Probation has just completed the training with Ely in White Pine County also looking into it.

This is evidence based programming that includes interactive journaling. If the child is a visual learner, tactile, introvert or extrovert, there are differing ways to conduct it. The individual can also work solo or in various groups. There is a facilitator with journal assignments which may later be involved in role play or other forms of interaction. This can be tailored to an eight, twelve or sixteen week rotation. During the rotation, they can revisit any of the completed sections. A lot of time is spent with developing an after care plan so as to prevent relapse.

Commissioner Florez mentioned that the Change Group tailored Washoe County's program to fit an average fourteen day stay. She also mentioned that all of the staff can be trained. This is helpful when at any time 10% of them could be on call. The Forward Thinking program is targeted for longer stays.

Commissioner Coppa discussed the 2014 budget. He felt there would be both give and take between the President's budget and those proposed by the House and Senate. Commissioner Lozano wanted to know what could be done about working with private partnerships to cover shortfalls in funding. The Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) is forbidden from lobbying. OJJDP and its new administrator Bob Listenbee are doing what they can. The ones who will be impacted however are likely to be the service providers. Title V may go away and Enforcing

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Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) has gone away. Previously EUDL provided \$876,000.00 for underage drinking programs, so that had provided important funds to assist youth.

Commissioner Morris Hibbler also pointed out the potential impact of the Affordable Care Act. She had been notified at the local level, that a lot of the block grant money and how it would be utilized would be substantially changed in 2014. This could be positive or negative but the Director of Social Services in Clark County feels that it could affect up to two thirds of his department. Specialist Salla acknowledged the concern and is watching for its effects on the jurisdictions Medicaid Room and Board funding.

Specialist Salla mentioned that this was the 2012 audit time for the juvenile detention facilities. The booking data for youth being placed on probation is reviewed to ensure that it was not a status offense. In 6th judicial, 64 files were selected which is a lot for a small jurisdiction. Detention centers report on a monthly basis so there is a clear idea of what is going on. This is confirmed with the onsite visit. The goal is to find the reason for concerning data and remain in compliance.

DCFS Update – Steve McBride

At the last meeting, the budget was in the process of being approved. Flexibility was granted in the correctional facilities budgets to assist in efforts to reopen Summit View. This allows us to go back and review what was budgeted versus what the actual volume was and move funds as appropriate. Nevada Youth Training Center (NYTC) will reduce its number of beds from 110 to 60. The savings will allow a vendor to enter into a contract for 50 beds at Summit View. This will be a staggered tiered transfer that should allow the opening of Summit View while retaining the use of NYTC. This is important to the regionalization of the facilities, that is, both the rurals and Clark County.

There were also discussions on the increase in general funds to the Aurora Pines facility in Douglas County. \$650,000.00 a year over the biennium was added to their budget along with increases in general and county assessment to assist the program. This includes improvements, repairs and work on staffing patterns so as to move towards compliance with PREA ratios.

In reviewing Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 there have been some increases and decreases. In 1383, these differences have not been too large with them remaining fairly consistent. Account 3147 showed an additional \$650,000.00 going to China Springs, and Aurora pines. In 3148 there is an increase due to the reopening of beds in Summit View with a small increase in Caliente Youth Center for staff in cooking and maintenance. NYTC shows a reduction in funds due to transferring beds. There is some increase in youth parole services as a result of the 2.5% salary restoration. Overall there has been a slight decline in student population grades 7th thru 12th across the state resulting in slightly decreased numbers in all counties with the exception of 6th Judicial which has seen an increase as did Lincoln County. These numbers are calculated from September 2011. The number that comes before the last biennium is used to determine the budget, so they always go back two years.

On July 9th, the Board of Examiners approved and awarded a contract with Rite of Passage for the reopening of Summit View. The opening will be a phased seeding program that will take into account transfers from other facilities during the first year. There has been a lot of work to open a facility that has been closed for two and a half years. The Rite of Passage people and maintenance have been assessing what's needed from a physical standpoint. The new program will be called Red Rock Academy, but the facility is still Summit View. The CEO Ski

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Broman and the executive director Lawrence Howell will be announcing a superintendent shortly and staffing is going to be growing very quickly. The estimated startup date is between November 2013 and February 2014. It was suggested that one of the commission's quarterly meetings be held there soon.

Announcement by Commissioner Walker

Commissioner Walker announced Commissioner Frank Cervantes appointment as the Director of Juvenile Services in Washoe County. The commission congratulated Mr. Cervantes on his new position.

Medicaid Room and Board – Pauline Salla

This report covers the State Fiscal Year from July 1st, 2012 to June 30th, 2013. The mandatory measures shown are those agreed upon by the jurisdictions for reporting on the Medicaid Room and Board funds. As long as they can report using those measures, flexibility is allowed on the individual programs. Some of the reported numbers are lower due to carry over. Once previous year funding has been used, then adjustments can be made to the current monetary amounts. A total of 472 youth have been served for about 2.3 million statewide. Of that number, there were 233 prior placements and 38 re-offenses. There were 39% with substance abuse, 67% with mental health issues and 34% with both substance and mental health problems.

Carson City, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Pershing, Washoe and White Pine Counties all had carried over funds. Many of the small counties have concerns about spending the funds prematurely as a single youth in placement could use them up very quickly. Once some of the bumps are worked out, there should be fewer of these problems.

One of the problems encountered is in filling out the spreadsheets. Accepted abbreviations have been assigned for things such as mental health diagnosis. In the next year, their use will make the reporting more consistent.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. Members of the commission, staff and the public were invited to tour Leighton Hall and the PASS alternative School by Chief Sampson.

August 15th, 2013 Call to Order

This meeting was called to order on August 15th, 2013 at 9:08 a.m. by Acting Chairman Dan Coppa.

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Members Present by Phone: Danny Gonzales, Joel Gutierrez, John Martin, Ivet Santiago.

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Staff Present: Karen Dickerson (Deputy Attorney General), Pauline Salla, Alice Mueller.

Public Present: Pam Coppa, Sunny Johnson

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Presentation from the Frontier Community Coalition – Sunny Johnson

Sunny Johnson is the local coordinator for the Frontier Community Coalition (FCC) which covers three counties; Lander, Pershing and Humboldt. They partner with law enforcement agencies to do activities which address underage drinking. She discussed a number of these activities including shoulder taps, compliance checks, and juvenile dispersion party training. In the shoulder tap and compliance checks, if a single employee of one of the establishments approached failed, then all employees had to attend beverage server training.

Beverage server training takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours and teaches them many things such as how to spot a fake ID, and when to call law enforcement. A number of the establishments were surprised by information such as what constitutes a drink. They also discuss the differences in how males and females process alcohol.

The coalition has partnered with the Winnemucca Police Department, the Lander County Sheriff's Office, the Longhorn Youth Team and the Lander County FCC Youth Group to do various compliance checks. In many of these, female youth decoys ask individuals to purchase alcohol for them. In Winnemucca 30 individuals were approached with no one making a purchase. In Pershing County sixteen establishments were checked using decoys with only one failing. In Lovelock it is mandatory to have beverage server training so the one fail is surprising.

Funds were given to the Pershing County Sheriff's Department and The Lovelock Police Department for Alco Mate PBTs. All law enforcement has been conducting Enforcement of Underage Drinking Law (EUDL) activities, but not all have charged for them. The FCC conducts beverage server training once a month. They try to reach out to establishments and also volunteer groups such as the Lions Club and Rotary.

A question was asked about similar activities in Clark County. Specialist Salla mentioned that WestCare does many EUDL activities there and that Ellis Air Force Base had a EUDL grant for \$876,000.00. In addition to these, the Metro Police Department is a nationally recognized group thru OJJDP for EUDL activities such as DUI check points and mock party dispersals.

One of the more successful community activities is the use of Fatal Vision "beer goggles". These are vision impairing eyewear that can simulate various drug alcohol levels. The individual wearing them walks a course containing electric buzzers that activate upon missteps. The idea is to show both the wearer and those watching them the actual impairment at various levels of inebriation. Another useful item is color coded bracelets. People are given either a green for adults or red for under 21. This allows bartenders to know immediately if the individual should be served alcohol.

The local media has been very supportive of the various projects. There have been two gulf tournament fundraisers to help with funds. The money goes to direct services for youth in the three counties. This is needed as the previous funding sources are drying up.

The last thing Ms. Johnson mentioned was that Pauline Salla had been nominated as a Real Hero thru the American Red Cross. She was nominated for her many activities in the community which help to make youth safe.

Report from the Policy Legislation Committee – Scott Shick

The Supreme Court's decision on AB579 means that we are subject to the Sex Offender Registration Law as it was written. There are individuals in the south who are contesting the

decision, but it is clear that the law is legitimate. The pending cases did not have enough merit to overturn the process. Commissioner Shick then read a short paragraph. "Despite our decision today upholding the constitutionality of mandatory sex offender registration and community notification for juvenile offenders, we echo the juvenile courts concerns regarding this legislation. Numerous studies and commentators indicate that subjecting juvenile sex offenders to registration and community notification may not be an effective policy decision."

There was considerable discussion about what was to be done now that the Supreme Court has ruled. The tiers which used to divide the offenses have disappeared. All offenses are now considered equal. Commissioner Walker put forth the idea that this actually makes communities less safe, since the most dangerous individuals will be listed with many who pose little danger. Others felt that making the law retroactive to 1956 would have unintended consequences. Not only would individuals who had fulfilled their sentences be affected, but also their victims who may have to deal with things long considered private and finished.

Specialist Salla requested assistance from the Attorney General's Office in obtaining something to distribute to the jurisdictions. There is direction in going to AB579 but none in who is doing each part of it.

Many of the commissioners agreed to work with Commissioner Shick to prepare for the next legislative session. Commissioner Coppa felt that this should come before the commission in terms of an official position. Commissioner Lozano suggested a position paper, with Commissioner Shick agreeing to a 60 minute report. As acting Chair, Commissioner Coppa put it on the agenda for the November Full Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting. Great care must be taken so that the commission educates without lobbying. The research provided must consist of data which is factual.

Commissioner McBride felt the commission was going in a positive direction. The desire is to have a fairly consistent voice about the concerns and to try and give consistent advice to those contacting our office. We are expected to follow this law. What are the liabilities of incurring two years of inaction in order to get where we want to go with the legislation.

Both Commissioners Cervantes and Walker referenced an opinion letter from the Attorney General's Office in response to questions about compliance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). In it was stated that there is discretion in how you comply with the law. Washoe County is dedicated to putting together a written policy. It was agreed that a one page brief was necessary to enable both the lay person and legislatures to understand the position.

Other bills discussed dealt with corrective room restriction, SB414 which deals with bullying as a status offense, SB427 on sharing information and reporting requirements with cyber bullying. AB202 changed the age of certification from eight to fourteen. Attempted murder age was reduced to 13 years of age. It was suggested that the commission also read SB108 which relates to CHINS, loitering and curfew.

Update on the Coalition of Juvenile Justice Youth Conference – Ivet Santiago

Commissioner Santiago was able to attend the Coalition for Juvenile Justice 2013 Youth Summit in Washington D.C. There were more than 100 participants from twenty different states. She was able to meet other SAG members, specialists and state representatives. They discussed a variety of things like prison reform and what was happening on the federal level. Walter Robert Scott addressed the members on Friday evening allowing them to converse with

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him about their concerns in regards to juvenile justice. There were also many discussions about DMC.

October is youth justice awareness month. The purpose of this month is to provide an opportunity to talk about youth who are sentenced and what the states are doing to educate the family about the juvenile justice system. She would like to get the youth members on the committee more involved and active this month. Commissioner Coppa requested that if there is some plan of action that she may wish to involve the commission committees as she moves them forward.

Planning and Development Committee – Dan Coppa

The new Juvenile Justice Commission 2014-2015 Orientation CD was distributed to the commissioners who were present. Because of the amount of material involved, a CD is much more practical than print copies. Commissioner Smith was commended for going thru the material and noting needed revisions. Commissioners Florez, McBride and Martin were also thanked for their contributions.

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) templates to assist facilities in becoming compliant with the act were included in the commissioner's packet. Commissioner Coppa pointed out that we do not have to comply with the act however OJJDP has attached federal funding to compliance. He then thanked the many individuals involved in putting the templates together.

The committee is currently working on the 2012 Governor's report which is to be disseminated in 2013. This is in many ways similar to the 2011 report, but he promised that 2013 would have a new appearance.

The excess funds discovered in Elko and White Pine Counties which resulted in audits were brought forth. The Ely, White Pine County audit revealed an accounting error in how the funds were recorded. The Elko audit is still pending.

Amber Howell and Steve McBride were thanked for their efforts in giving the Juvenile Justice Commissions Grants Program a new name. They will now collectively be called the I. Leon Franklin Juvenile Justice Grants Program. This does not change the nature of the grants, but serves to honor Commissioner Franklin for his twenty plus years work with the commission.

The final project discussed was the Compliance Monitor Job Description. Many of the facilities that require monitoring are in Las Vegas. The previous part time monitor was in charge of the facilities from Tonopah down and did an excellent job. When she retired, the job classification was reviewed and determined to not really fit the criteria. Several other states sharing our rural nature were examined for their job requirements. This resulted in a new description being drafted. Commissioner Shick emphasized the importance of compliance audits and the importance of having the correct people perform them. Specialist Salla emphasized that she does compliance audits and not licensing. It is important that she works closely with the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) to insure children's rights.

Report from Minority/Gender Committee – Kirby Burgess

Committee members were thanked for their participation in the teleconferences. The most important thing that the committee has been working on is setting up a date for meeting with the Haywood Burns institute. The funds have been set aside, and conversations have occurred with them. They are intrigued about helping Nevada with the statewide DMC assessment. Commissioner Shick offered financial assistance for the technical training from the Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators. Different locations for the training were

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discussed. The Burns institute will be able to access a survey conducted by the committee to help with determining the types of data required.

The committee continues to recruit stakeholders from the rural counties and recently added Judge Thomas Stockard from Churchill County. Commissioner Walker contacted this relatively new judge from Fallon. He is very involved in juvenile justice issues and will bring a good perspective to the committee.

A draft brochure about DMC in Nevada was handed out to the commission. Various improvements and corrections were discussed. It was viewed as a positive start.

Committee Chair Burgess invited all those not on the committee to participate with the statewide assessment. This is the committee's top priority and all were invited to join in with it. Commissioner Gonzales suggested using data from the Nevada Kid's Count. There is a possible overlap in the data that could be very useful. Commissioner Serrano serves on the Kid's Count executive council and was willing to help bring about collaboration.

Update on Nevada Supreme Court Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform – Scott Shick

The letter from Mike Willden was referenced which summarizes the tiered approach to restructuring deep end commitments. Recidivism has come up and the commission needs to be aware of the work on redefining it. A common language is needed in discussing recidivism. The reluctant consensus is that it is a delinquent offence which occurs after a successful termination from probation for a delinquent offense. This would be considered recidivism. There has been a lot of back and forth about this with feedback from Washoe County along with juvenile justice specialists.

Commissioner Morris Hibbler pointed out that rather than use random definitions, there was a national standard on what recidivism looks like. The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administration (CJCA) has put out a white paper on recidivism specifically. They took a lot of recommendations into consideration in forming their discussion and came as close to a consensus as possible. The Bureau of Justice Statistics as part of the Office of Justice Programs defined recidivism as measured by criminal acts that resulted in the re-arrest, reconviction or return to prison with or without any sentence during a three year period. Commissioner Morris Hibbler has special knowledge on this topic from studying it as part of her majors program for her dissertation. All agreed that there must be a common definition and agreed to use Commissioner Morris Hibbler's expertise in the future. The current situation is that things are very flexible but justice needs solid ground to work from. There are many things to consider when a child fails including family systems, education and social involvement.

Specialist Salla mentioned the data definition notebook. We are looking at creating a whole new juvenile justice data base because the current one is so old that the programmers can't figure it out. Data is sent in monthly from the counties, but is nearly impossible to work with. New templates are being created which will allow the counties to upload and fill them out right in the system. She is working closely with Hans Jessup from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) who does the data for the courts. The intent is when finished, there will be definitions for all to work from.

Commissioner Shick asked that the commission recall eight years previous when the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) recommended the gathering of data in order to make concrete decisions. We will soon have a common language to report in. He suggested a follow up into the 18 to 20 year old group for recidivism studies. Clark County has been a strong advocate for this continuing data collection.

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Commissioner Shick made a final comment on the truancy subcommittee of the Supreme Court Commission. They have been actively working on a pilot program in Clark County involving the Juvenile District Attorney and school administrators in order to create a model Student Attendance Review Board (SAR) program for use in the other school districts in the Las Vegas basin.

New Business – Acting Chairman Dan Coppa

Acting Chairman Coppa thanked everybody for their participation with this meeting and the dinner honoring Leon Franklin. It was agreed that AB579 should be on the agenda. Commissioner Walker was requested to have a preliminary update or briefing on the subject. Commissioner Shick requested Commissioner Walker's membership on the Policy Legislation Committee along with Judge Stockard. Specialist Salla thanked everyone for coming to Winnemucca for the meeting.

New Business

No new business was mentioned at this time.

Comments from the Public-

There were no comments from the public.

Set Time, Date and Agenda for Next Meeting: TBA

The next meeting will be held in Las Vegas on Thursday November 21st, 2013.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.